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In re application of Rao et al.

Serial No.

10/052,316

Filed:

January 18, 2002

For:

STABILIZATION OF RETINOID COMPOUNDS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is enclosed because this application was filed prior to October 25, 1965 (effective date of Public Law 89-63).

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.